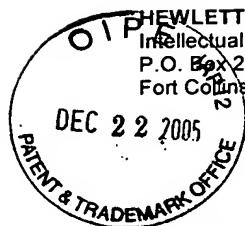


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed on November 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement as improper and further respectfully requests that the election be withdrawn by the Examiner. Applicant notes that, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.144 Petition from Requirement for Restriction and MPEP 818.03(c) the traversal of the election requirement preserves Applicant's right of petition in this application, should the election requirement not be withdrawn. The election is believed to be improper for the following reasons.

With regard to the differences between Figures 6 and 9, Applicant wishes to state that both describe and illustrate embodiments for fastening the bulkhead between the securing device and bracket. Figure 9 describes that this may be done by loosely sandwiching the bulkhead, as noted at page 8, lines 13-15; nonetheless, the bulkhead in both Figures and throughout the written description is affixed similarly. In this regard, it is believed that the claims directed to the bracket assembly (claims 1-8 and claims 22-24, for instance) and the power cabling assembly of which the bracket assembly is part (claims 8-18, for instance) cover both types of sandwiching of Figures 6 and 9.

While the Examiner states that no claim is generic, Applicant submits that there are generic claims. Bracket assembly of claim 1, for instance, recites the bracket that this shown and taught in all the embodiments of the invention, including the discussion of Figures 2, 3. It is further noted that a bracket assembly recitation, though not as detailed is additionally claimed in independent claims 8 and 22. Moreover, method claims 19 and 20 reference a bracket assembly having "a protective device integral thereto."

Applicant additionally notes that election/restriction practice is customary in those instances in which the number of species is unreasonable and thus might present a burden on the Office, particularly on the searching required for the invention. In this case, the Examiner has identified only two species, which as discussed above, are believed to be covered by all the claims and variations of one to the other. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that in addition to the election/restriction being improper as evidenced by the generic nature of the figures and claims, it is also irregular in the sense that little, if any, additional work is required by the Office to prosecute all 24 claims.

Although Applicant believes the Election Requirement to be improper for the reasons noted above, an election must be made in order to be in compliance with the requirements of the Action. Applicant therefore provisionally elects the species identified by the Examiner as Embodiment I, directed to Figure 6. With regard to the provisional election of Embodiment 1, Applicant herein includes a listing of the following claims as being readable thereon: claims 1-24.

All claims 1-24 are believed to be in allowable condition and such allowance is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions about this application or response.

Respectfully submitted,



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